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Prices received by farmers, selected commodities, Oregon and United States

Commodity	Unit	Oregon			United States		
		Entire month		Preliminary	Entire month		Preliminary
		Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 2005
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Field crops							
Wheat, all	Bu	3.65	3.70	3.38	3.27	3.20	3.21
Wheat, winter	Bu	3.65	3.45	3.33	3.19	3.15	3.11
Wheat, spring	Bu	3.67	4.21	4.00	3.38	3.45	3.33
Barley	Bu	1.76	2.11	2.25	2.77	2.38	2.75
Oats	Bu	*	*	*	1.32	1.59	1.53
Hay, all (baled) ²	Ton	111.00	120.00	114.00	92.20	99.70	99.70
Hay, alfalfa (baled) ²	Ton	115.00	126.00	116.00	99.30	109.00	109.00
Hay, other (baled) ²	Ton	98.00	111.00	107.00	71.90	75.90	74.80
Potatoes	Cwt	4.65	5.50	5.50	5.77	8.69	7.51
Vegetables and fruits ¹							
Onions, fresh ³	Cwt	-	-	-	13.40	20.10	16.50
Sweet corn, fresh ³	Cwt	-	-	-	22.90	25.30	21.00
Pears, fresh	Ton	-	-	-	382.00	550.00	490.00
Apples, fresh	Lb	-	-	-	0.265	0.153	0.202
Strawberries, fresh	Cwt	-	-	-	76.90	66.00	75.80
Livestock and livestock products							
Cows ⁴	Cwt	51.50	53.00	47.00	54.70	53.80	51.90
Steers and heifers	Cwt	101.00	99.00	98.00	91.00	88.40	88.00
Beef cattle ⁵	Cwt	86.20	85.20	82.70	87.70	85.30	84.70
Calves	Cwt	112.00	116.00	112.00	131.00	132.00	131.00
Lambs ⁶	Cwt	94.00	100.00	-	97.90	109.00	-
Sheep ⁶	Cwt	35.00	43.00	-	37.30	40.30	-
Milk, all ^{7 8}	Cwt	-	14.80	14.80	14.90	14.80	14.90
Fat test percent	Pct	-	3.56	3.56	3.58	3.53	3.55
Eggs, all ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	0.526	0.530	0.470
Eggs, market ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	0.337	0.326	0.257

* Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms or insufficient sales reported to establish a price.

¹ Oregon not published monthly. ² Mid-month price. ³ F.O.B. shipping point. ⁴ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. ⁵ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. ⁶ Entire month. ⁷ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. ⁸ Oregon started publishing monthly milk estimates in January 2005.

Index summary table

Indexes/Ratios	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Aug 2004	Aug 2005	Aug 2004	Jul* 2005	Aug 2005
United States					
Prices received	764	747	741	118	117
Prices paid	1,797	1,878	135	141	141
Ratio ¹	-	-	89	84	83
Parity Ratio ²	43	39	-	-	-
Oregon					
Commodity group					
All farm					
Products	694	682	114	119	112
All crops	646	643	115	124	114
Livestock ³	824	781	113	109	107

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers. ² Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100) ³ Includes livestock and livestock products.

* Revised.

Feed price ratios: United States, August 2005

Feed price ratio ^{1 2}	2004	2005	
	Aug	Jul *	Aug
Broiler Feed	6.4	6.4	7.1
Market egg feed	5.6	5.8	5.1
Hog-corn	23.6	23.6	26.5
Milk-feed	2.93	2.93	3.08
Steer and heifer-corn	38.9	41.9	46.6
Turkey-feed	7.0	7.3	8.2

¹ Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

² Feed price ratio definitions are available in the national release.

* Revised.

Hired Workers Up 2 Percent, Wage Rates Up 4 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,332,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 10-16, 2005, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 930,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 402,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.39 per hour during the July 2005 reference week, up 35 cents from a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.78 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 4 percent from a year ago.

In the Pacific region, there were 109,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the reference week, which is down 3 percent from this time last year. The all hired worker wage rate was \$9.21 on average during July 10-16, 2005, down 4 cents from last year; and the field and livestock worker combined wage rate was \$8.80. The number of hours worked by all hired workers increased from 37.3 hours in 2004 to 39.3 hours in 2005.

Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States ¹ Weeks of July 11-17, 2004 and July 10-16, 2005

United States and region		Hired workers			Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers	
		Number of workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Field	Livestock		Field and livestock
			150 days or more	149 days or less					
		1,000	1,000	1,000	Hours per week	Dollars per hour	Dollars per hour	Dollars per hour	Dollars per hour
Pacific ²	2004	112	47	65	37.3	8.88	8.90	8.88	9.25
	2005	109	50	59	39.3	8.60	10.67	8.80	9.21
Mountain I ³	2004	34	24	10	47.8	7.91	7.89	7.90	8.23
	2005	29	20	9	45.0	8.39	8.51	8.44	8.79
California	2004	218	167	51	44.6	8.41	9.91	8.60	9.26
	2005	200	156	44	45.5	8.78	10.60	9.01	9.69
United States ⁴	2004	961	637	324	39.2	8.34	8.74	8.43	9.04
	2005	930	656	274	40.6	8.62	9.25	8.78	9.39

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Includes Oregon and Washington. ³ Includes Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. ⁴ Excludes AK.

United States Mushrooms

Sales of the 2004-2005 U.S. mushroom crop are 853 million pounds, virtually unchanged from the 2003-2004 season, but 1 percent above the 2002-2003 season. Value of sales for the 2004-2005 U.S. mushroom crop is \$908 million, down 1 percent from the previous season but 2 percent above the 2002-2003 season. Number of growers, at 275, is down 3 from last season. The average price for all mushrooms is \$1.06 per pound, down 2 cents from 2003-2004.

Sales reported by growers of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market are 696 million pounds, down 1 percent from last season. Sales of Agaricus mushrooms for processing are 142 million pounds, 3 percent above last season. Value of sales for all Agaricus mushrooms totaled 862 million dollars, down 2 percent from the previous season but 1 percent higher than 2002-2003.

Specialty Mushrooms: Number of growers, total production, volume of sales, price and value of sales, by variety, United States, July 1, 2002-June 30, 2005 ¹

Year and variety	Growers ²	Total production ³	All sales		
			Volume of sales ⁴	Price per pound ⁵	Value of sales
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
2002-2003					
Shiitake	134	7,476	7,059	3.08	21,718
Oyster	62	3,997	3,562	1.91	6,820
Other varieties	23	1,431	1,287	4.56	5,873
Total, U.S.	153	12,904	11,908	2.89	34,411
2003-2004					
Shiitake	146	7,731	7,517	3.24	24,391
Oyster	70	4,428	4,185	2.08	8,714
Other varieties	25	1,691	1,650	4.49	7,404
Total, U.S.	170	13,850	13,352	3.03	40,509
2004-2005					
Shiitake	146	9,081	8,613	3.21	27,677
Oyster	74	5,409	5,109	2.33	11,889
Other varieties	26	1,435	1,327	4.90	6,501
Total, U.S.	172	15,925	15,049	3.06	46,067

¹ Specialty mushroom estimates represent growers who have at least 200 natural wood logs in production or commercial indoor growing areas. ² Growers counted only once for US total if growing more than one specialty type mushroom. Growers producing Agaricus and specialty mushrooms are included. ³ Total production includes all fresh market and processing sales plus amount harvested but not sold (shrinkage, cullage, dumped, etc). ⁴ Virtually all specialty mushroom sales are for fresh market. ⁵ Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers receive at the first point of sale, commonly referred to as the average price as sold.

Agaricus Mushrooms: Area, Sales, Price and value Western States and United States, July 1 - June 30, 2002-2005

Area and year	Area in production		Volume of sales	Price ¹ per pound	Value of sales
	Growing Area	Total Fillings			
	<i>1,000 square feet</i>	<i>1,000 square feet</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
California					
2002-2003	5,401	22,667	127,713	1.33	170,234
2003-2004	4,618	21,337	123,493	1.40	172,943
2004-2005	4,100	20,525	118,648	1.45	172,465
Washington					
2002-2003	348	2,242	11,205	1.29	14,497
2003-2004	348	2,254	9,881	1.37	13,525
2004-2005	365	2,267	11,103	1.43	15,877
West Region ²					
2002-2003	8,168	31,507	172,101	1.28	220,421
2003-2004	7,364	30,173	165,491	1.34	221,661
2004-2005	5,711	28,943	159,102	1.41	224,299
United States					
2002-2003	30,280	141,844	836,398	1.02	855,983
2003-2004	31,039	146,510	841,162	1.04	878,405
2004-2005	28,905	143,093	838,083	1.03	862,303

¹ Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers receive at the point of first sale, commonly referred to as the average price as sold.

² West region includes: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Yield and dollars
per square foot of growing area, by state and
United States, July 1, 2002-June 30, 2005**

State and region ¹	Yield per square foot		
	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
PA	6.15	5.88	6.17
East	6.09	5.84	6.02
Central	5.65	5.63	5.48
CA	5.63	5.79	5.78
West	5.46	5.48	5.50
US	5.90	5.74	5.86
	Dollars per square foot		
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
PA	4.87	4.80	4.88
East	5.27	5.18	5.23
Central	8.23	7.95	7.91
CA	7.51	8.11	8.40
West	7.00	7.35	7.75
US	6.03	6.00	6.03

¹ East: CT, DE, FL, MD, NY, PA, and TN.

Central: IL, IN, MI, OK, TX, and WI.

West: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

**Brown mushrooms (Portabello and Crimini):
Number of growers, sales, and value,
West Region and United States,
July 1, 2002-June 30, 2005 ¹**

Region and year	Growers	Volume of sales	Value
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 lbs</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
West Region ²			
2002-2003	17	15,708	29,042
2003-2004	16	15,540	29,284
2004-2005	15	14,524	30,301
United States			
2002-2003	62	110,710	140,051
2003-2004	59	96,995	127,035
2004-2005	58	100,528	130,163

¹ Brown mushrooms are part of Agaricus mushrooms.

² West region: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

Cold Storage holdings, selected commodities, Jul 31, 2004 and Jul 31, 2005

Commodity	Pacific Region ¹			United States		
	Jul 31, 2004	Jul 31, 2005	2005/2004	Jul 31, 2004	Jul 31, 2005	2005/2004
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	Frozen fruit					
Blueberries	28,864	23,033	80	76,874	57,926	75
Blackberries	*	*	*	42,026	33,905	81
Raspberries, black	*	*	*	1,814	3,043	168
Raspberries, red	85,643	87,721	102	89,376	92,745	104
Strawberries	424,741	328,228	77	482,577	380,100	79
	Fresh fruit					
Apples ²	234,077	404,256	173	274,294	447,112	163
Pears ³	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Frozen vegetables					
Green beans, regular cut	64,777	72,918	113	112,861	134,983	120
Green beans, French style	8,904	7,959	89	17,745	14,927	84
Corn, cut	161,361	163,589	101	233,685	225,126	96
Corn, cob	79,133	60,807	77	108,509	79,186	73
Green peas	234,707	204,099	87	361,946	350,173	97
	Potatoes					
French fries	391,044	437,264	112	858,246	901,796	105
Other frozen potatoes	115,639	112,945	98	258,824	249,698	96

¹ Oregon, Washington and California. ² In regular and controlled atmosphere storage. ³ Includes Bartlett and other varieties. *Not published.

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